

CLAIMS

I claim:

1 1. A traction sole overshoe comprising:
2 an upper defining shoe entry opening;
3 a sole attached to said upper and having a lower surface;
4 disperse traction material imbedded in said sole and
5 extending downward from said sole lower surface;
6 said upper being made of flexible elastic material.

1 2. The traction sole overshoe of claim 1, said sole being
2 of rubber material molded to said upper, said disperse material
3 being selected from the group comprising sand, crushed rock,
4 metal shavings, crushed porcelain, crushed sea shells, crushed
5 nut shells, and a combination of any of said disperse materials.

1 3. The traction sole overshoe of claim 2, said disperse
2 traction material being molded within said rubber material so as
3 to be imbedded therein, said rubber material being Latex.

1 4. The traction sole overshoe of claim 3, said upper being
2 made of an elastic material selected from the group comprising
3 spandex, rubber, elastic Nylon, and other elastic cloth.

1 5. The traction sole overshoe of claim 4, further
2 comprising lateral chain segments imbedded in said lower surface
3 of said sole.

1 6. The traction sole overshoe of claim 4, said sole being
2 formed in a toe and heel configuration.

1 7. The traction sole overshoe of claim 1, wherein said
2 upper is a full upper defining a selectively opening and closing
3 slit opening said upper having a fastener mounted thereto for
4 selectively opening and securing said slit opening, said
5 fastener being selected from the group comprising hook and loop
6 material, snaps, buckles, laces, and zippers.

1 8. The traction sole overshoe of claim 7, wherein said
2 slit opening is an overlap slit having mating hook and loop
3 strips therealong which are separated for shoe entry and joined
4 for securing said full upper overshoe on said shoe for use.

1 9. The traction overshoe of claim 7, wherein said slit
2 opening is an overlap slit separating said upper into first and
3 second sides, said first side having a lateral strap extending
4 therefrom over said second side, said lateral strap having a
5 strip of loop material thereon, said second side having a strip

6 of hook material mating with said strip of loop material, said
7 lateral strap being separable from said second side for shoe
8 entry and securable to said second side during use upon mating
9 of said strips of hook and loop material mating and closing said
10 slit.

1 10. The traction overshoe of claim 7, in combination with
2 a compact storage bag, wherein said overshoe is foldable or
3 rollable into a compact shape for stowing a pair of said
4 overshoes therein.

1 11. The traction overshoe of claim 1, wherein said upper
2 is a slipper upper having a shoe entry opening extending around
3 said overshoe so as to receive the lower portion of a shoe.

1 12. The traction overshoe of claim 11, said upper being
2 sufficiently flexible and elastic so as to be securely mounted
3 on a shoe by being stretched over the toe and heel of the shoe
4 and being dismountable from the shoe by grasping and stretching
5 said upper and pulling downward from the heel and then forward
6 from the toe of the shoe.

1 13. The traction overshoe of claim 12, in combination with
2 a compact storage bag, wherein said overshoe is foldable or

3 rollable into a stowable compact shape for stowing a pair of
4 said overshoes therein.

1 14. The traction sole overshoe of claim 6, wherein said
2 upper is a full upper defining a selectively opening and closing
3 slit said upper having a fastener mounted thereto for
4 selectively opening and securing said slit, said fastener being
5 selected from the group comprising hook and loop material,
6 snaps, buckles, laces, and zippers.

1 15. The traction sole overshoe of claim 14, wherein said
2 slit opening is an overlap slit having mating hook and loop
3 strips therealong which are separated for shoe entry and joined
4 for securing said full upper overshoe on said shoe for use.

1 16. The traction overshoe of claim 14, wherein said slit
2 opening is an overlap slit separating said upper into first and
3 second sides, said first side having a lateral strap extending
4 therefrom over said second side, said lateral strap having a
5 strip of loop material thereon, said second side having a strip
6 of hook material mating with said strip of loop material, said
7 lateral strap being separable from said second side for shoe
8 entry and securable to said second side during use upon mating

9 of said strips of hook and loop material mating and closing said
10 slit.

1 17. The traction overshoe of claim 6, wherein said upper
2 is a slipper upper having a shoe entry opening extending around
3 said overshoe so as to receive the lower portion of a shoe.

1 18. The traction overshoe of claim 17, in combination with
2 a compact storage bag, wherein said overshoe is foldable or
3 rollable into a stowable compact shape for stowing a pair of
4 said overshoes therein.

1 19. A method of making a traction overshoe comprising:
2 spreading a disperse traction material over the surface of
3 an overshoe sole mold;

4 spreading a vulcanizable rubber material over said disperse
5 traction material;

6 placing an upper on said vulcanizable rubber material such
7 as to bind therewith; and

8 vulcanizing said rubber material to form said traction
9 overshoe.

1 20. The method of claim 19, wherein said disperse traction
2 material is selected from the group comprising sand, crushed
3 rock, metal shavings, crushed porcelain, crushed sea shells, and
4 crushed nut shells, and said vulcanizable rubber material is
5 Latex.